

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** Claims ¹1-34 and ⁶¹61-71 without prejudice or disclaimer

Please **ADD** new claims 72-80.

Rule 1.26 ⁶¹~~72~~ (NEW) A method for requesting credit for a customer comprising:
generating customer information about the customer and an expected arrival of the customer at a location;
transmitting the customer information to a credit provider as part of a request for a line of credit for the customer;
receiving from the credit provider an indicator that the line of credit has been approved or denied;
creating a second data record indicating a credit status for the customer.

A ⁶²~~73~~ (NEW) The method of claim ⁶¹~~72~~, further comprising
receiving acceptance of the line of credit by the customer; and
transmitting to the credit provider an activation code reflecting acceptance by the customer of the line of credit.

⁶³~~74~~ (NEW) The method of claim ⁶¹~~72~~, further comprising
evaluating the customer information to prescreen the customer to determine whether to transmit the customer information to the credit provider.

⁶⁴~~75~~ (NEW) The method of claim ⁶¹~~72~~, wherein the step of creating the first data record includes
recording a requested line of credit amount as part of the customer information.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~72~~⁶¹, wherein the step of creating the first data record includes storing, as part of the customer information, a customer transaction history.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~72~~⁶¹, further comprising receiving from the credit provider an indication of an amount of credit the credit provider is willing to authorize.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~77~~⁶⁶, further comprising transmitting to the credit provider a guarantee of a credit amount over the authorized amount of credit.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~72~~⁶¹, further comprising offering financial incentives to the customer to accept the credit line.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~79~~⁶⁸, further comprising providing the customer the financial incentives.--